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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE SECTION

ASILOMAR!! ASILOMAR!!!

The dates are August 3 to 10. Our st meal is Friday noon, our last the llowing Friday morning. We think have the best program we have ovided. The printed programs are in advance of this issue and can obtained at this office and a limited mber secured from your pastor.

We urge churches to send their full mber of delegates. All pastors ould feel that it is their duty to at- nd. Any number of visitors are wel- med. This year there will be an out- or salt water swimming pool, with nominal charge of twenty-five cents r swim. Bring your own bathing it. Bring warm clothing. Bring your te-book.

It is hoped that Sunday will be the gh day. Pastors should be encour- ed to attend. Many of the churches n close for the day or furnish the pply. We want the ministers with s. We welcome visitors for the week- nd, yet hope that delegates will stay rough. The following information ay help. Further information can be cured at this office.

Mrs. Noel J. Breed, wife of our astor at Petaluma, will conduct a aily vacation school for the children uring the morning hours while the onference meetings are in session.

Cards have been sent to each church sufficient number to have one for ach delegate allotted to the church. hese cards must be signed by the hurch clerk, or in his absence an cting clerk, certifying that such dele- ate is officially representing the hurch.

Our program this year bears some ames new to us at Asilomar. Our ew pastor at Eureka, Rev. C. H. Hud- on, who was formerly a missionary n India, is to give an address on "A limpse of the Orient," from his own ersonal experiences as a resident here.

Rev. Rudolph Ericson, who was as- ociated with Dr. Hawkins in Seattle nd is now with him in San Francisco, ill conduct the chapel hour, which ill be a joint session of the two con- erences. This will open the Confer- nce meetings each day.

Prof. George Rebec, dean of the raduate School, University of Ore- on, is to give an address Saturday vening on the subject, "Is the Mod- rn World Pagan?"

Rev. Chauncey J. Hawkins, who was ith the Conference two years ago nd delivered an address at that time, ill preach the Conference sermon on unday.

Rabbi Louis I. Newman, who is well nown to people around the bay, will e the Monday evening speaker. His opic will be "Judaism and Christian- y in the New Era."

Rev. Clarence Neff, formerly Amer- an Board missionary in China and ore recently in Mexico, will conduct he mission study class on the last hree mornings, following the Bible tudy classes led by Dr. Davidson. Many of our people had the pleasure f hearing and meeting Mr. Neff when e was in this district last fall.

Tuesday evening will bring us di- ect word of some of our state work. ollowing the appearance of the World ervice School articles, which have been printed in The Pacific and re- printed in leaflet form, this should be of great interest to every one. Mr. Fukushima will tell of his work among the Japanese in and near Fresno; Mr. Cookman will report on his larger par- ish work in Calaveras County, con- tinuing his address last year on the need for work here; and Miss Ballard, superintendent of the Migrant Work on the coast, will bring us word of the needs and work being done in this field.

Rev. Leon D. Bliss will bring the greetings from the Southern California Conference.

Prof. George M. Stratton will deliver the morning address on Thursday, having for his topic "Religion and Psychology."

Rev. G. A. Pollard, recently ordained by the Santa Clara Association, and pastor at Los Gatos, whose statement of faith appeared in The Pacific last month, will lead the forum on "New Versions of the Bible" on Thursday morning.

The closing evening session will be in the form of a pageant, "The In- spiring Church," which will be given by a group from the Stockton Church. This will be followed by the Fellow- ship Service, under the leadership of Dr. Brown.

CONCERNING DELEGATES AND THEIR CREDENTIALS

For several years we have found that groups have come to Asilomar with no specification as to which are the chosen delegates. We urge the churches to make formal election, where possible, of the proper number of delegates that we may know those who are entitled to vote on the im- portant matters of Conference busi- ness. We welcome as many as can at- tend from all the churches. They can come as visitors and have all the privi- leges accorded delegates except those matters that are of legal character.

RECEPTION TO ORIENTAL DELEGATES

San Francisco had the privilege of being host to 220 Oriental delegates en route to the World Sunday School Convention at Los Angeles. These delegates arrived Friday, July 6, on the Tenyo Maru and were kept inter- ested here until Monday morning, the 9th. On Sunday, the 8th, a public re- ception was given to them at Our First Church in the afternoon. There was a large and interested audience that stayed for a full two hours' program of greetings and responses. One of the appealing features to many of them was the large organ, as many of them were unfamiliar with such a wonderful instrument of music. We were delighted to think that their out- standing church impression, so soon after landing, was in our historic First Church. Dr. L. L. Wirt and Mr. Ru- dolph Ericson were responsible for the program.

THE FALL MEETINGS

Three Associations, Bay, Sonoma and Santa Clara, will hold regular meetings this fall. We are to be fav- ored with an unusual list of speakers who can attend these meetings and a few other groups, between September 25 and October 4. These speakers will come from the Pacific Slope Congress on their way to Southern California. The party will consist of Dr. Ozora S. Davis, moderator of our National Coun- cil; Dr. C. C. Merrill, secretary of pro- motion; Miss Miriam Woodberry, field worker, and Frank C. Laubach, mis- sionary from the Philippine Islands. We wish to get comfortable routings for this team that they may get over much territory and trust that enter- taining committees and churches will help us in these arrangements.

PACIFIC SLOPE CONGRESS

Plans are nearing completion for the great Congress on Missions to be held by Pacific Slope Congregationalists in Portland, September 18, 19, 20. It ought to mean a great awakening of interest in our entire missionary pro- gram. There will be a study of con- ditions both of work and of giving. Prominent speakers of national repu- tation are to be present. There will be ample opportunity for discussion. We hope to furnish our coast constit- uency with working material for the winter work, approved methods for handling the task and inspiration for missionaries at home and abroad. We should have a good delegation from Northern California. We can get the right people if we can provide the funds for their transportation. If you are interested in missions plan to at- tend. If you cannot attend and will contribute toward sending some rep- resentative, consult with Superintend- ent Minchin or help finance some one from your own church. The programs will soon be ready. Preliminary in- formation can now be furnished by the Conference Office.

EARL LECTURES

Dr. Ozora Davis of Chicago Semi- nary and moderator of our National Council is to give three lectures under the Earl Foundation, September 25, 27 and 28. While here we wish to use him as much as possible and urge our brethren to watch The Pacific and other circularization for further infor- mation.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Word comes from Secretary Shaver of the Education Society that they have organized a new and practical form of leadership training which is now available to workers in the local church. This will be especially valua- ble in cases where there are no regu- lar training classes, as it is a form of training which can be done by indi- viduals or by groups. Reports are to be sent to the Education Society, and upon completion of the course, which comprises 100 points of credit, the Education Society will grant an attrac- tive Certificate of Recognition, carry- ing the seal of the Society.

EN ROUTE

Summer is the time when our mis- sionaries return to their fields after their year of furlough, in order to be on the job with the opening of the fall work. The Conference office has re- ceived word from Boston of a number of these missionaries who are sailing from San Francisco, some of whom will be on the water by the time we go to press.

July 14. Miss Esther Church, Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Hemingway and family.

July 18 Mr. Robert P. Lewis.

July 20. Miss Josephine E. Horn.

August 17. Miss Jessie Payne, Miss Mabel I. Huggins, Miss Gertrude E. Wood.

August 31. Miss Bertha H. Allen, Rev. and Mrs. G. M. Newell and daugh- ter, Miss Frances K. Bement, Miss How Nising.

September 28. Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Beard.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR CONVENTION

The forty-first annual Christian En- deavor convention, which convened in Berkeley July 4-9, having as its theme "Our Victorious Christ," was one of the most successful ever held, and closed one of California's leading years in Christian Endeavor; a fine tribute to the consecrated leadership of Miss Edith MacDonald, the presi- dent for the last year.

The total registration was 3872, the largest Northern convention ever held, and Congregationalists stood second among the denominations with over 400 registered. (At the present time there are over 2000 Congregational Endeavorers in California, and it is the opinion of Congregational leaders that the denomination is growing in its number of Christian Endeavor Socie- ties.)

The new state president, A. H. An- derson, is a member of the First Con- gregational Church of Pasadena. Mr. Anderson has served several years in the various offices of Christian En- deavor in California.

Dr. Daniel Poling, president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, delivered the address at the opening session. Speaking upon the "Crusade With Christ," he gave a great challenge to Christian people for stronger evangelistic efforts, more sincere thinking and working for world peace, and a militant campaign against the wet forces during the com- ing presidential campaign, along with a prayerful, consecrated exercise of suffrage at the polls in November.

E. P. Gates, general secretary of the International Society, addressed the convention a number of times with ringing messages, calling the dele- gates to more consecrated Christian living.

The Congregational Young People's Rally was held in the First Congre- gational Church of Berkeley. The delegates were served with a light supper by the Plymouth Club of that church. Gordon H. Winsor, pastor of Park Congregational Church, was the leader. Rev. Rowland B. Dodge, of Palo Alto, led the devotional service, and Rev. Jerome C. Holmes, of Santa Rosa, told of the plans for the North- ern California Congregational Young People's Conference at Asilomar, Aug- ust 3-10.

On Monday, July 9, some 800 En- deavorers went by special trains and ferry to Mill Valley, where a box luncheon and baseball game were held. As a final gathering a "sing" was held and short talks were given. This took place under the redwoods in Mill Valley Park.

GORDON WINSOR.

ON THE JOB

Extracts From a Letter Received From Rev. Robt. Whitaker, Lintsing, China.

On Saturday, May 5, the Nationalist army entered Lintsing, after some hours of fighting, and has been in possession ever since. We had had warning some days before from the American Consulate, Tsinan, that their coming was imminent, and had been advised repeatedly that all Americans ought to leave for port cities. But our group here was a unit in deciding to stay. We all felt that our work was here, and there seemed no sufficient reason for leaving it and fleeing to some hypothetical place of safety. During the firing no one was hurt in the compound. At the hospital a bullet passed through the door of the room of one of the members of the Chinese staff; another buried itself in the wood of the window sill of the room of a patient; a third was picked up on the porch of the Whitaker house the next morning.

We are happy to be able to report that the Nationalists so far have been considerate in their treatment of us and of the church. We could make no possible complaint up to date. We have been told repeatedly by different members of the Nationalist party (local members, also members of our church) that the Nationalist authorities are pleased at the attitude of our foreign group here on the matter of the revision of the unequal treaties, abolition of extraterritoriality, and opposition to the presence of foreign troops and gunboats in China. Events of the past ten days have very greatly increased our faith in the Christian spirit and attitude as our best protection. The chief thing that makes us at all nervous as regards the future safety of foreigners is the continued presence of foreign troops in treaty ports, and of our gunboats and battleships in certain Chinese waters. If these could all be withdrawn, American life and property would receive preferential treatment. China still has a great deal of faith in the friendliness of America, and we hope that nothing may happen to undermine it in any way. At a recent meeting held here in Lintsing by the Nationalists, a large poster was displayed showing Uncle Sam wheeling a baby carriage in which was a Chinese baby. A Chinese friend who saw the poster explained that it was meant to set forth the fact that America was China's true friend, and was helping her as a mother helps her child during its early years.

Many of you will doubtless be interested to know whether we missionaries in staying on through these days of crisis have been a burden or an asset to the Chinese Church. It is the general testimony here that we have been an asset. To begin with, the very fact of our refusing to leave has given confidence to Christians all over our field. And the very fact that we were living in our houses and going quietly ahead with regular work helped to prevent occupation of the Mission Compound and Church and School premises by the armies.

Of course, most important of all during recent days, has been the service of Lintsing Memorial Hospital and its staff. All available rooms have been filled with patients, northern and southern soldiers alike being cared for. Fortunately all of the foreign staff of the hospital were here at the time the trouble began. During the past two weeks they have frequently called for help from both Chinese and foreigners in the Compound. The students of the Ellis Laymen's Christian Training School have been especially useful, giving most faithful volunteer service. Evidence has not been lacking that both northerners and southerners appreciate the disinterested service of our medical department. An American hospital, rendering the fine Christian service that ours is doing, is worth more by way of protection of American life and property in the Orient than any number of battleships or marines. We are glad to be able to report that right up to the present moment we have been able to discover no anti-foreign feeling in this region except against the Japanese in connection with the Tsinan affair.

We are happy to announce that our Ellis Laymen's Christian Training School has carried through its year's work without serious interruption in spite of the war situation. Fortunately the call for volunteer service in the hospital came at a period set for review of the year's work. Graduation exercises will be held soon, at which time we shall send out our second class of young people fitted to give the volunteer service so much needed in our country field. At China New Year time during the vacation period, our students demonstrated once again their value as assistants in evangelistic work. Arrangements having first been made with the churches, the student body was divided into seventeen evangelistic bands who went out into all parts of the Lintsing and Tehchow fields to hold station classes, giving two weeks of training in simple Christian truths in as many different centers. In this undertaking the present student body and last year's graduates worked together. We have had reports from many places of the helpfulness of the work which the students did. During the months that they are at home each year between terms, there are many opportunities for them to be of service.

One difficulty in our work bids fair to continue, and that is the famine situation. Rain is holding off again, and the wheat crop to which we have been looking to help out the starving country folks is more or less of a failure in most sections of our field. The condition of the people is pitiful in the extreme. May we here express our grateful thanks for the gifts received from some of you since the last letter. Perhaps you will be interested to know how they were used. Recently while on a country trip I stopped one evening at one of our churches in a market town called Shao Ku. It is a place where I have been many times, and have a group of very warm friends. I had looked forward to the visit, it being my first since return from furlough. But when the evening crowd assembled, although large in size and as friendly as ever, it made me sick at heart because of the evidences of undernourishment and slow starvation on the faces of the people. You cannot imagine the load it lifted from my heart on returning to Lintsing to find gifts from readers of this bulletin sufficiently large, when taken together with contributions from our missionary group, to make loans to fifteen families in the Shao Ku church which will carry them through until harvest time. They hope to be able to repay the money a year hence that it may be used elsewhere in the same way.

In closing we would like to say that you may think of us in the Lintsing station as going quietly ahead with our work in spite of uncertainties in the political and military situation. For the present, it is true, country touring seems unwise; but we believe that even that difficulty will soon be over. We hope for approximately normal conditions here soon. We hope that you will remember us in your thought and prayers. You are often in ours. We are all well, busy and happy, so don't worry about us or comiserate us, but congratulate us that it has been possible for us to stay by.

CONFERENCE NEWS

During his vacation the Superintendent called upon Mr. and Mrs. Kelley at the parsonage at Soquel. Mrs. Kelley has been very ill for a few months but shows signs of marked improvement. Congregationalists driving from Santa Cruz to Watsonville should watch for the parsonage in Soquel and visit these cheery people.

Rev. Earl Lee has resigned at Fairfax and will close his work the middle of August. He has been in ill health for a few months.

The Lodi church has called Rev. Harry Shuder who is at work. Mr. Shuder has given much time to organization and research work. He was formerly pastor at Gallup, N. M., later serving as one of the regional officers of the Interchurch movement and more recently has been doing research work and preparing himself for the practical tasks of the ministry.

Very encouraging words come from Rev. S. C. Carson of Alturas. With the broadgauging of the S. P. lines to Alturas and the proposed extension to Klamath Falls, the town has taken on new life and the church and parsonage have been newly and attractively painted at an expense of about $600, which was met readily.

A large delegation was at the Berkeley station Wednesday evening, July 11, to say farewell to Rev. and Mrs. Everett Blake who go to Turkey as missionaries of the American Board. Mrs. Blake is known to many as Lynda Goodsell and is going to familiar scenes and familiar work.

Word comes that the Stockton church has sold its property to the Nazarenes. This means early construction of the new church which will add to our growing list of new, attractive, commodious and up-to-date church plants. Within five years there has been marked improvement in our properties. We congratulate Stockton on its prospects.

Autoists passing our Hayward church are delighted with the transformation taking place on that sightly corner. The 100x100 feet has been landscaped, planted to lawn with flowers and shrubs by the Holland Nursery in appreciation of privileges given some years ago. The pastor, Rev. R. C. Day has transformed the parsonage grounds in keeping with the work done on the church property. Drive that way. Stop and congratulate the minister.

Dr. Willard B. Thorp has in print a most convincing reply to Nicholas Murray Butler on the subject of the 18th Amendment. It has valuable material for prohibition sermons and addresses. He will gladly furnish them until the supply is exhausted.

Mrs. Anna L. Gillman, our efficient office secretary, has returned from a well-earned vacation, having visited many spots of interest between here and Washington, D. C., where she stayed with her father and mother.

Rev. Frederick F. Shannon, D.D., of Central Church, Chicago, is supplying First Church San Francisco during the month of July. Miss Rheba Crawford is to supply it during the first two Sundays of August.

Mrs. Robert Shaw has been appointed to succeed Mrs. Ida Condit as Young People's Secretary of the Woman's Federation, and can be found at 1627 Francisco street, Berkeley. Mrs. Shaw will be at Asilomar.

As we go to press word comes that Prof. J. W. Buckham is showing improvement after a serious operation.

Sidney Buckham has returned from the Islands, and is spending his vacation in Berkeley.

MINISTERS' SUMMER INSTITUTE

The second annual Summer Institute for California Ministers was held in Berkeley June 4-15. The Pacific School of Religion very graciously gave use of their splendid equipment. Fifty-seven were in attendance, representing six denominations and several nationalities. These men and women came from all over the state, from the bay region to the high Sierras, from the north to the south, representing all phases of church work. The fellowship of the various denominations and nationalities all facing common problems and serving the one Master was most inspirational.

Plans are already under way for an even greater school next year, when it is hoped the Catholics may join in the operation of the school to some extent at least. The Institute has recognized standing with the national Home Missions Council.—G. E. A.

BENEVOLENCES TO DATE

June 30, 1928

Adin	$ 38.5
Alameda First	150.0
Alturas	25.0
Antioch	54.0
Benicia	25.0
Berkeley First	4,258.1
Berkeley Park	54.8
Berkeley North	779.6
Ceres	245.0
Cloverdale	154.0
Crockett	62.5
Eureka	174.0
Fairfax	34.2
Ferndale	25.0
Fresno First	451.7
Grass Valley	76.3
Lodi First	535.0
Martinez	53.6
Niles	13.5
Oakland First	3,512.0
Oakland Calvary	80.0
Oakland Fruitvale	51.0
Oakland Plymouth	1,218.2
Oakland Pilgrim	183.2
Oakland Olivet	10.0
Oleander	24.0
Oroville	85.0
Pacific Grove	337.0
Palo Alto	750.0
Paradise	25.0
Petaluma	486.3
Pittsburg	35.2
Porterville	135.0
Redwood City	300.0
Reno, Nev.	272.9
Rio Vista	20.0
Sacramento	163.0
Salida	20.0
San Francisco First	1,200.0
San Francisco Bethany	25.0
San Francisco Richmond	36.2
San Jose	532.9
San Leandro	33.7
San Mateo	200.0
Santa Cruz	400.0
Santa Rosa First	218.2
Santa Rosa Todd	3.0
Saratoga	350.0
Sebastopol	149.6
Stockton	550.0
Suisun	75.0
Tulare	50.0
Weaverville	5.8
Woodside	77.5
Los Gatos	16.0
Miscellaneous	211.
	$19,053.

Comparison Jan. 1-June 30

1927	$19,861.5
1928	19,053.0
Decrease	$ 808.4

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE SECTION

BOARD NOTES

CONFERENCE DIRECTORS' MEETING, MAY 22, 1928

Herewith follows a summary of the business at that meeting: Resignations were presented of Mr. Elmer Henderson and Mrs. E. G. Arbogast. Accepted. The Board of Directors elected Mr. Fred M. Wilcox and Mrs. W. H. Porterfield to fill the vacancies until the next Annual Conference.

Herewith follows list of the committees for the ensuing year:

Benevolence: Mrs. G. H. Schulte, chairman; Mrs. W. H. Porterfield, Rev. Wm. Forshaw, Mr. Arthur M. Dole, Rev. E. D. Gaylord.

Education: Rev. E. D. Gaylord, chairman; Rev. Luther Freeman, Rev. Raymond C. Brooks, Mrs. L. Wilson, Mrs. Leon C. Brockway, Mrs. W. H. Porterfield, Rev. Paul A. Davies, Rev. H. C. Ide, Rev. W. G. Pierce.

Executive: Rev. Perry F. Schrock, Rev. J. H. Hutchins, Mr. C. E. Spaulding, Mrs. G. H. Schulte, Rev. Samuel Hitchcock, Rev. E. D. Gaylord, Rev H. B. Mowbray.

Finance and Real Estate: Mr. C. E. Spaulding, chairman; Mr. Fred M. Wilcox, Rev. H. K. Booth, Mr. Arthur M. Dole, Mrs. James H. Lash.

Forward Movement: Mrs. G. H. Schulte, chairman; Judge R. D. Brown, Mrs. Fred Doolittle, Rev. Wm. Forshaw, Mr. W. S. Grandy, Mr. C. E. Spaulding, Mrs. E. B. Allen; Mr. Arthur M. Dole, Rev. E. D. Gaylord, Rev. H. B. Mowbray, Mr. Fred M. Wilcox.

Ministerial Relief: Rev. W. H. Hopkins, chairman; Rev. Stephen Norton, Rev. James D. Eaton.

Missionary Grants: Rev. J. H. Hutchins, chairman; Mr. Blake Franklin, Mrs. Fred Doolittle, Rev. H. V. Hartshorn, Rev. Holland F. Burr.

New Work: Rev. H. B. Mowbray, chairman; Judge R. D. Brown, Mrs. James Wallace, Mr. W. S. Grandy, Rev. Wm. Forshaw.

Oriental and Indian (A.M.A.): Mr. W. G. Farndale, chairman; Rev. A. S. Donat, Rev. Stephen A. Norton.

Program: Rev. Perry F. Schrock, chairman (1 year); Rev. Daniel F. Fox (1 year), Rev. Anton M. Hanson (3 years), Rev. E. D. Gaylord (2 years), Rev. E. E. Day (1 year).

West Coast of Mexico: Mrs. E. B. Allen; Rev. Roy H. Campbell, Mr. Fred M. Wilcox.

Women's Work: Mrs. C. E. Richards, chairman; Mrs. E. B. Allen, Miss Gertrude Reed.

Young People's Conferences: Mrs. E. D. Gaylord, chairman; Rev. W. G. Pierce, Rev. Allan Hunter, Rev. Shelton Bissell, Mr. C. A. Wolf, Miss Mabel Hawthorne, Rev. H. V. Hartshorn, Rev. A. S. Donat, Rev. A. O. Pritchard, Rev. A. D. Stauffacher, Mrs. M. P. Yarrow, Miss Maude Anderson, Miss Helen Phelps.

The Forward Movement Committee is made up of the following committees: Benevolence, New Work, Missionary Grants and Finance and Real Estate.

It was noted that the Conference had failed to elect a Nominating Committee for the next year. The following were selected with recourse to the next Annual Conference for election: Rev. Charles L. Knight, Rev. H. V. Hartshorn and Mrs. Frederick Doolittle.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DIRECTOR: The plan as proposed in Superintendent Kenngott's report to have the Religious Education Director function as field representative in a large measure, spending ten days with churches here and there, was adopted as the policy of the Conference.

PROPERTY FUNDS: Voted: That we charge to the property sale fund the balance due the Barstow funds over and above what comes from the Building Society. Also, the Pomona Valley Mexican work the same.

CHINESE CHURCH: Voted: That the Conference release the Chinese note of $2,000 when the Chinese have paid in the $800 raised, and that the Treasurer and Finance Committee be instructed to safeguard our interests in the property.

BARSTOW: It was voted to give to the Congregational Church Building Society grant and loan mortgages of $2,000 each for their help.

POMONA MEXICAN: It was voted to sell the property for $1,500, same to be applied toward the erection of a new building on the new site.

WILSHIRE BOULEVARD: Unanimous permission was given Mr. H. S. Laughlin to present the action of the portion of the Wilshire Church who are now worshipping in North Wilshire, in which they urged the withdrawal of fellowship by the Los Angelus Association from Rev. Frank Dyer because of conduct unbecoming a Congregational minister, and from the group with Rev. Frank Dyer, purporting to be the Wilshire Boulevard Congregational Church. Voted by ballot, with one dissenting vote: To appoint a committee of three, of which the moderator should be one, to request a meeting of the Los Angeles Association of Congregational Churches and Ministers to hear charges to be preferred against Rev. Frank Dyer, of conduct unbecoming a Congregational minister, and also against the group of people following, claiming to be the Wilshire Boulevard Congregational Church, and the following were appointed on this committee: Rev. H. K. Booth of Long Beach; Rev. E. D. Gaylord, Los Angeles; and Rev. Perry F. Schrock, Santa Ana.

NEXT MEETING: Voted to meet June 12. Committees at 9 a.m., Board at 10 a.m.

NORTH WILSHIRE: It was voted: $50 a month to Rev. Ray Eckerson, Religious Education Director at North Wilshire Church, with the privilege of thirty days' notice of withdrawal on either side.

BURBANK: The Superintendent was authorized to send out a letter to see if some church may wish to adopt the Burbank building as a special missionary project.

BIG BEAR: Voted that Rev. Lloyd Darsie be engaged as leader until Rev. A. S. Donat arrives and after he returns to Bakersfield. Decision as to the salary being left to the Superintendent and Mr. Brown.

MOJAVE: It was voted to purchase the Methodist property at Mojave on certain terms.

GLEN AVON: The Church organization and recognition with membership in the San Bernardino Association was reported.

NORCO: Reported an allocation for the Congregationalists here. Referred to the New Work Committee.

SAN MARINO SUNDAY SCHOOL: Referred to the Oneonta Church to undertake this project allocated to the Conference by the Comity Committee.

WEST HOLLYWOOD: Rev. E. E. Smith reports several rooms for their growing Sunday school have been provided, and they are greatly in need of chairs and an additional piano. Voted: To announce same in The Pacific.

SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION: Memorandum concerning the Alpine Church field asking grant of $20 per month for three months provided $20 more be raised on the field pending the investigation of further needs. Approved.

PANAMA: Voted: $25 to Rev. J. K. Stage, beginning May 15, to July 1, with view to permanency.

SUMMER STUDENTS: Voted: $300 on the same basis as last year.

PACIFIC SCHOOL OF RELIGION: Correspondence with Secretary Gates regarding apportionment money sent to the Education Foundation for the Pacific School of Religion with an upper limit of $1,500, was referred to the Benevolence Committee.

NOTES FROM THE MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE DIRECTORS JUNE 12, 1928

1. **THE PACIFIC:** The Directors voted to pay $145.65 to "The Pacific" as subsidy for the year closing July 1, 1928, and voted that we continue the arrangement with the Northern Conference in publishing "The Pacific" for another year, arrangements the same as this year, with an upper liability of $150. Voted: That we elect an editing board for aid in carrying on "The Pacific" items. The following were appointed: Rev. E. D. Gaylord, Mrs. Fred Doolittle and Rev. J. H. Hutchins.

2. **RESIGNATION** of Mrs. W. H. Porterfield as director and member of the Conference Committee on Education, was accepted. Mrs. Margaret Fanton of San Diego was nominated as director and elected to fill the vacancy. Rev. Holland F. Burr was elected member of the Religious Education Committee.

3. **M. E. M. WORK AT ASILOMAR:** On recommendation of the Extension Secretary, Rev. Paul B. Waterhouse, it was voted that his recommendation of $50 to the M. E. M. work at Asilomar be referred with power to the Finance Committee.

4. **REV. FRANK B. DYER AND THE WILSHIRE BOULEVARD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH:** The special committee appointed at the last meeting to prefer charges against Dr. Frank Dyer, namely, Rev. P. F. Shrock, Rev. H. K. Booth and Rev. E. D. Gaylord, reported that they had prepared such charges, asked for a special meeting of the Los Angeles Association, which was called June 7, 1928, at the Mt. Hollywood Church, in which charges were preferred and evidence taken, and that the Association had found Dr. Dyer guilty as charged and his ministerial standing was terminated and fellowship with him withdrawn. Also that the group following him and claiming to be the Wilshire Boulevard Congregational Church was censured for their conduct.

5. **A NEW MIMEOGRAPH:** Voted that a new mimeograph be purchased for the office.

6. **BARSTOW:** Resolutions were adopted relative to the Barstow grant and loan mortgages of $2,000 each.

7. **MONTEBELLO:** Letter was received from Schweitzer & Hutton calling attention to the fact that street widening was in progress at Montebello and that our buildings came within range. Voted that Mr. Waterhouse and Mr. Wilcox be a committee to see that our building is moved on to the remaining part of the lot and claim such damage as may be legal and right.

8. **MISSIONARY GRANTS** were voted beginning July 1 to December 31, 1928, substantially as adopted at the meeting in January. Three hundred dollars was appropriated for summer students.

9. **NEW WORK:** Rev. H. B. Mowbray presented the report on Norco, Carthay Center and Atascadero. Voted that the matter of student aid at Norco be referred to the New Work Committee, the Superintendent and Rev. Chas. E. Evans of Corona, and, if favorable, a limit of $100 a month for two months be given. A community between Highland and San Bernardino was referred to and the Committee on New Work and the Superintendent were empowered to act in this matter, if considered advisable.

Mr. Donald Gaylord, who graduated recently from Pomona College, has been engaged to serve for two months during the summer at Norco. It is expected that Mr. Boyd from Highland, who has spent three years at the Christian College in Los Angeles, will serve during the summer at East Highland.

10. **WEST COAST OF MEXICO:** Superintendent Kenngott read a letter from the American Board relative to our action at Santa Ana Conference in May reporting the favorable vote by the Prudential Committee and the Board giving us the work from July 1, 1928, and telling of the committee appointed to nominate the two members to represent the American Board on the West Coast Committee. Voted: That we instruct Superintendent Kenngott to arrange to visit the West Coast of Mexico missions and schools and attend the Annual Meeting in October.

The West Coast of Mexico Mission nominated for the Committee of Seven on the West Coast Work, Dr. John Howland, 45 years missionary of the American Board in Mexico, and Rev. C. E. Crawford, for several years a missionary in Mexico and now in charge of the Pomona Mexican Church. The members of the committee elected by the Conference Directors are Mrs. E. B. Allen, Rev. Roy Campbell, and Mr. Fred M. Wilcox, and by the A.B.C.F.M., President James A. Blaisdell and Mrs. W. W. Ferrier.

11. **PORTLAND CONFERENCE:** Announcement was read concerning the Pacific Coast Conference to be held at Portland, Oregon, September 18-20. Voted: That a letter be prepared by the office and sent to the churches asking them to send pastor and delegate to this meeting, caring for expenses in so far as possible.

12. **SAN BERNARDINO:** Voted that we recommend the $2,500 parsonage loan asked for by the San Bernardino church.

13. **THE NEXT MEETING** of the Conference Directors will be held on Tuesday, July 9, 1928.

TRAINING SCHOOL

If the World's Sunday School Convention meeting in Los Angeles July 11-18 accomplishes its real purpose there will be many hundreds of loyal church school teachers and leaders inspired to equip themselves better for their tasks in their home schools. Whenever possible there should be immediate response to any such inspiration. Procrastination has robbed many teachers of that ability which would have made them strong and constructive influence in their churches and communities.

The coming summer season offers golden opportunities for study and training. Among the many alluring schools and conferences to be held in Southern California none is more attractive nor will prove more helpful than the school of religious education to be held at Pacific Palisades, shorter term July 30-August 11, longer term July 30-August 18. This school will be interdenominational and is under the general auspices of the Southern California Council of Religious Education.

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DEDICATIONS

There have been several dedications of church buildings during the last three months, beginning with that of:

1. **WESTWOOD HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH,** corner of Westwood boulevard and Le Grange avenue, Rev. G. W. Ray, pastor, which had a series of dedication services, extending from March 11 to April 8, inclusive, as follows: "Unveiling of George W. Ray Tablet," March 4; "Dedication of the Building," March 11; "Dedication of the People," March 18; "Dedication of the Flags." March 25, and "Dedication of the Children," April 1.

At the dedication service on March 11, 3:30 P. M., the Conference Superintendent preached the sermon of dedication and Dr. Ray led in the service of dedication. Other parts on the program were taken by Rev. W. H. Hopkins, Rev. J. H. Hutchins, Rev. F. G. Davies, minister, First Baptist Church, Sawtelle, and Mr. Fred M. Wilcox, who brought the greetings from the Conference.

The new building, as a first unit, costing $30,000, is admirably located about a mile from the new university. The large auditorium was filled for the dedication service. The building is equipped for community service and especially for the large Sunday school.

2. **OLIVET, LOS ANGELES,** Sunday, March 25. This fine church, with the building located at the corner of Washington and Magnolia, was organized in 1889, then the outskirts of the city. Now the church building is near the population center and is strategically located to serve the great apartment district. It is churchly in appearance, commodious in arrangement and equipped for efficient church work.

Rev. W. H. Hopkins, pastor since 1923, has rendered a notable service, becoming pastor of a church when it was weak and its future uncertain. With great consecration and tact, Dr. Hopkins has succeeded in building a downtown church which will represent the denominational interests in that great community for years to come. Rev. Francis M. Larkin, D. D., secretary of the State Church Federation, preached the sermon in the morning. Service of dedication occurred in the afternoon, and the dedication day closed with a great musical service in the evening.

3. **FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, PASADENA,** Rev. Daniel F. Fox, D. D., pastor, was dedicated April 15. This church, at the corner of Los Robles and Walnut, cost with land, building and furnishings $500,000. It represents the last word in church building, not only as a house of worship, but as a church school and parish house. It is of Gothic architecture. The auditorium seats 1500; the church school building has 120 rooms and apartments.

Dr. Fox has led the church as pastor since 1909, having built up the church into a membership of 1200, and sees now the fruit of his long and devoted service. While the church has been raising funds for its building, it has at the same time paid its full apportionment at the rate of 20 cents a week per capita.

The service of dedication occurred at 11 o'clock, with an inspiring sermon by Rev. H. K. Booth, D. D., on "The Church of the Spirit." Other parts on the program were as follows: Presentation of the building by Mr. Fred M. Wilcox, chairman of the Building Committee; acceptance of the keys by Mr. J. M. Randall, chairman Board of Trustees; the act of dedication by pastor and congregation; prayer of dedication by Rev. George F. Kenngott, superintendent of Southern California Congregational Conference. At the evening service Dr. James A. Blaisdell, president Claremont Colleges, gave an address on "A New Vision of Christian Education."

4. **BARSTOW**—The Barstow church was dedicated April 22, 1928. The building was erected on lots on the main street, purchased by the Southern California Congregational Conference from the Santa Fe Railroad Company. The architect of the building was Mr. Harry L. Pierce, who has been the architect of several buildings in the Southern California Congregational Conference. The building represents the results of the faithful services of Rev. and Mrs. Isaac McRae, who have served the Barstow Church and community since 1921. The church itself was organized in 1901 and reports a membership of about 70. The original church building was near the railroad tracks, on land leased from the Santa Fe Railroad. When the railroad company required more space for its tracks, the whole city was moved about a mile away from its former location and for several years the church has held its meetings in the schoolhouse. A parsonage was erected near the high school several years ago and now the church building stands not far from the grammar and high schools in the center of the new city.

The building itself cost about $16,000, and with the land and furnishings about $21,000. Toward the purchase of the lots, costing $2400 (though they were valued at $3200 by the railroad company, which gave a considerable reduction in the price), the church itself contributed $600. The building without furnishings cost $16,000, toward which the Barstow Church contributed $4000, the Conference $4000, the Congregational Church Building Society $4000 (half grant and half loan), and the First Congregational Church of Long Beach $4000. This church has practically a free field for the whole of the community and the building with basement was erected to meet the needs of the whole community, for worship, for religious education and for social purposes. There is a large area near the church, belonging to the Conference, which can be used for playground.

The First Congregational Church of Long Beach, Rev. H. K. Booth, pastor, has taken the Barstow Church as its particular "project." The church itself adopted an apportionment of $10,000, and in order to bring up its apportionment beyond that, has taken "projects" for foreign and national work and the Barstow Church for Conference work.

On the day of the dedication, April 22, Rev. H. Kendall Booth, D. D., preached the sermon, and the Conference Superintendent gave an address and made an appeal for funds for furnishings. During the day more than $3000 was raised for the furnishings, of which $500 came as an additional gift from the First Church of Long Beach and $500 from the Barstow Ladies' Aid. In the afternoon, at the fellowship service, Rev. John Gardner, D. D., of Riverside, Moderator of the Southern California Congregational Conference, gave the address, followed by greetings by pastors of the San Bernardino Association and Fred M. Wilcox, treasurer. In the evening the sermon was preached by Rev. George F. Kenngott, and an address was given by Rev. John B. Toomay of Ontario.

.The auditorium was filled at the morning and evening services by loyal and enthusiastic Congregationalists. The large attendance of men was especially noteworthy. Barstow is a railroad center and the erection of the Congregational Church represents the results of long years of faithful and patient service.

5. **SIERRA MADRE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**—On Sunday June 17, the First Congregational Church of Sierra Madre dedicated its new building by two services. The pastor, Rev. Arthur O. Pritchard, presided at both and he was assisted by clergymen who have been friends and neighbors of the church for many years. Rev. Henry K. Booth of Long Beach preached the sermon on "The Interpreter's House." Rev. Ralph B. Larkin of Claremont offered the dedicatory prayer and Rev. H. L. Hoyt conducted the devotional service. In the afternoon the service was arranged as a community dedication. Dr. Daniel F. Fox, D. D., of Pasadena, with whom Mr. Pritchard was formerly associated, spoke for the friends in the neighborhood; Rev. Perry F. Schrock, Moderator of the Southern California Conference, brought the greetings of the denomination, and Col. Herman Hall of the local city council brought the greetings of the city. A letter was read from Mayor Thayer, now in the east. Large congregations were present at both services.

This brought to a close a series of services which had been running for three Sundays. The people went into the new building June 3, the twenty-fifth anniversary of the pastor's ordination. At this service which was a communion celebration, twenty-nine were received into the membership. In the evening Dr. George F. Kenngott, superintendent of the Conference, who was unable to be present at the formal dedication, spoke words of congratulation and prophecy. On Sunday, June 10, Children's Day, the prominent feature of the morning was the unveiling of the west rose window of Christ and the Children, given by the Women's Society in honor of the children of the community. The inscription of this window can be read from the outside, so is visible from the public park opposite. In the evening Rev. John R. Lyons, religious educational director at Claremont was the speaker at a young people's service conducted by them.

The church is located at Central and Hermosa avenues, opposite the site of the old church and overlooking the City Park. The ground slopes to the south, thus permitting two stories at the southern end of the educational building, both above ground. The whole consisting of a church and educational unit has cost furnished about $76,000 exclusive of the land and the organ will be installed later.

The architecture is Mediterranean with a plain square tower, and was designed by Mr. Mott M. Marston of Los Angeles. The material is hollow stone tile or concrete brick reinforced at the corners and held by two courses of solid concrete running horizontally at the windows and eaves. Art stone trimmings set off the main entrance and the portico to the north.

The plant centers around two foci—the church and the social hall. The church is of cruciform shape with chancel, transepts and a gallery at the rear. The north transept is th James M. Campbell Memorial chape and the south transept is the junio high assembly room of the Churc School. These are separated from th church by portieres. The chancel dif fers from the traditional chancel i that the choir seats run across th rear and the communion table, give in memory of Rev. Fred Staff, a for mer pastor, stands in the center of th chancel, making it a table of fellow ship instead of an altar. On it is in scribed, "Lo, I am with you always. The table is flanked by the pulpi and the organ console. The nave wil seat 300, the choir 24, the gallery 10 and the transepts 100, making ove 500 in all.

The atmosphere of the church i very worshipful, due in large measur to the presence of art glass memoria windows throughout. Over the chance is a rose window of three angels an nouncing the first Christmas message "Glory to God in the highest and o earth peace, good-will toward men. To the west is another rose windo of Christ and the Children, given b the Women's Society in honor of th children of the community. The in scription, "Suffer the little children t come unto me and forbid them no for of such is the Kingdom of God, is arranged to be read from the ou side, so that it can be seen from th City Park opposite. The windows o the James M. Campbell memoria chapel are symbols of key words fro Jesus and help to answer the questio so often raised by Dr. Campbel "What is the heart of the Gospel? They are: The Bread of Life, Th Resurrection and the Life, the Vin and the Branches, and The Light o the World. In the church are fou windows to the north illustrating th parables of the Sower, the Good Sa maritan, the Prodigal Son and th Good Shepherd. The eight clear stor windows are symbolic of the source of the gospel. The four to the sout represent Amos, the prophet of socia justice; Hosea, the messenger of fo giving love; Isaiah, the proclaimer o the Kingdom; and Jeremiah, th prophet of individual responsibility The four windows to the north illus trate the four Gospel writers with th traditional historic symbols. Alto gether the church bears constant wit ness to the central place of Christ i the Christian evangel.

The other foci, the social hall, i the center of the educational plant The hall itself is 40x60 feet with stage at one end and a projectio booth at the other. A hardwood floo makes possible its use for games while adjacent under the main churc is a shower room. The hall will hol an audience of 400 or 250 at tables A finely appointed kitchen opens ont the hall. Adjacent to this center ar the departmental rooms of a full departmentalized school, together wit some 20 class rooms.

On the second floor made possibl by the sloping ground where th church stands, are the well-furnishe ladies' parlor and the men's class an club room, furnished in memory o Rev. Fred Staff, who made a deep im pression on the men of the commun ity. Near by is the junior assembl and six bright class rooms.

The people of the community hav responded generously, there being i cash and pledges at present over $48 000. The Church Building Society i helping with loan and grant of $10,00 and the old site is owned free an clear.

(To Be Continued)

INTERDENOMINATION CONFERENCE ON THE CHRISTIAN WAY OF LIFE

This is held each summer at the Pacific Palisades Association auditorium The date is August 22 to September 2